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SUBJ: CHILEAN PAROLE PROGRAM

REF: STATE 238989; LIMA 4543, 8318 AND 8395

1. WE REGRET DELAY IN INITIATING EAGLE CHECKS. WE FRANKLY MINISTERPRETED INSTRUCTIONS AND, IN INTEREST OF EFFICIENCY, CONSIDERED THAT BY FIRST AWAITING RECEIPT OF POSSIBLY DEROGATORY INFORMATION FROM AMEMBASSY SANGIAGO WE MIGHT THUS OBVIATE NEED FOR EAGLE CHECKS IN SOME CASES. ON OCTOBER 8 (LIMA 8395) WE SUBMITTED FIRST 22 CASES (PRINCIPALS AND DEPENDENTS) FOR EAGLE CLEARANCES AND ARE SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL 19 CASES BY SEPTTEL. HENCEFORTH WE WILL INITIATE ALL EAGLE CLEARANCES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FIRST INTERVIEW. WE DO NOT BELIEVE OUR INITIAL FAILURE TO SUBMIT EAGLE CHECKS IMMEDIATELY HAS CAUSED ANY DELAY IN PROCESSING AS, IN ANY CASE, WE CANNOT MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS UNTIL SECURITY CLEARANCES ARE RETURNED FROM SANTIAGO.

2. ON JUNE 4, FACED WITH A SEVERE PERSONNEL SHORTAGE WE REQUESTED ASSIGNMENT OF A TDY OFFICER TO COVER A SERIOUS GAP IN CONNECTION WITH OUR NORMAL CONSULAR WORKLOAD (LIMA 4543). ON AUGUST 6 COUNSELOR FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS WALTER HUMMEL, WHO WAS DIRECTLY IN CHARGE OF PAROLE PROGRAM, SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK; HE CONTINUES ON SICK LEAVE,

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AS A STOP-GAP MEASURE, WE HAVE ASSIGNED AN OFFICER FROM

ANOTHER EMBASSY SECTION TO ASSIST CONSULAR SECTION TO EXTENT HIS OTHER DUTIES PERMIT. WE HAVE NOW RENEWED OUR REQUEST FOR A TWO-MONTH TDY CONSULAR OFFICER (LIMA 8318) TO TAKE ON THE BULK OF THE REMAINING WORK INVOLVED WITH CHILEAN PAROLE PROGRAM.

3. PURSUANT TO DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST (STATE 238989), WE WILL OBTAIN PERSONAL AND DEPENDENTS' DOCUMENTATION FROM APPLICANTS ALREADY INTERVIEWED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN FUTURE WILL REQUEST ALL CANDIDATES FURNISH SUCH DOCUMENTATION AT INITIAL INTERVIEW. WHILE THIS NOT CONSISTENT WITH NORMAL IV PROCEDURE, IT SHOULD SPEED FINAL PROCESSING SOMEWHAT.

4. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS KEYED TO REQUEST FOR DATA IN STATE 238989; (A) AS OF OCTOBER 10, WE HAVE INTERVIEWED 19 OF 37 CASES RECEIVED SEPT. 15; WE HAVE SCHEDULED INTERVIEWS WITH REMAINDER THIS GROUP DURING NEXT TEN DAYS. (B) EAGLE CHECKS ON ALL CASES INTERVIEWED BEING SUBMITTED AS PER PARA 1. (C) ASSUMING EAGLE AND SANTIAGO CHECKS ARE NEGATIVE --AND TAKING UNHCR CERTIFICATION AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF REFUGEE STATUS--WE CONSIDER MOSTCANDIDATES INTERVIEWED SO FAR WILL QUALIFY FOR PAROLE PROGRAM. (D) ON BASIS OF OUR EXPERIENCE TO DATE, WE EXPECT AVERAGE PRINCIPAL WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO DEPENDENTS (I.E., SPOUSE AND CHILD). SEE LIMA 8395 AND EAGLE SEPTTEL FOR BREAKDOWN BY CASE. (E) ALL DEPENDENTS ARE BEING PROCESSED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH PRINCIPALS. PROGRESS IS AS DESCRIBED PARA 1.

5. TO ASSIST VOLAGS, WE WILL PROVIDE S/R/ORM WITH REQUESTED BIO DATA BY SEPTTEL.
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